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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated June 24, 2005, Applicants hereby elect Group I, containing claims 1-10. Further, Applicants make a provisional election of Species I, associated with Figures 1 and 2, with traverse. Claims 1-5, 7-15, 17 and 18 read on the elected species.

The Examiner indicated Figures 6 and 7 as the Species II. The control flow chart shown in Figure 1 is the first embodiment of the present invention, whereas the control flow chart shown in Figure 6 is the second embodiment. The hybrid mechanism shown in Figure 7 is another embodiment of the hybrid mechanism shown in Figure 1, and the control flow shown in Figure 2 also can be applied to it. Thus, the Examiner's indication in which the Species II is associated with Figures 6 and 7 is inappropriate.

Applicant's believe that an appropriate grouping of species would be:

Species 1: Figure 2
Species 2: Figure 6

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4334 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to any fees due under 37 CFR §§§ 1.16, 1.17 or 1.136 or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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